

ANOTHER AIR RAID ON LONDON LAST NIGHT

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A DREADNOUGHT ON WHEELS



French sailors who man an armoured train, which is fitted with extraordinarily powerful guns. Weapons of such size are rarely seen on these trains.—(Exclusive to *The Daily Mirror*.)



BARONET DEAD.—Sir William Coddington, Bart., for sixteen years M.P. for Blackburn, who has died, aged 87. He was married for the second time at 82.



A FINE FEAT.—Chief Officer John Macdonald, of the ss. Basuto, awarded £2,500 for bringing the food ship Arncliffe into port. She was found abandoned in the Atlantic.



LABOUR D.S.O.—Major Watts Morgan, D.S.O., the miners' agent, has secured a substantial majority over five candidates for Labour nomination in East Rhondda.



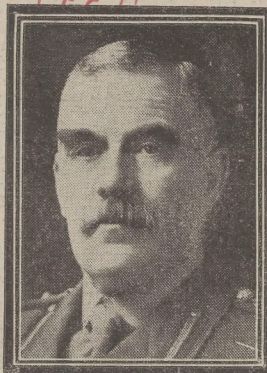
Privat C. Kenrose, V.C., visits Lea Marston, his native village, after an absence of six years. He emigrated to Canada and joined the Dominion forces.



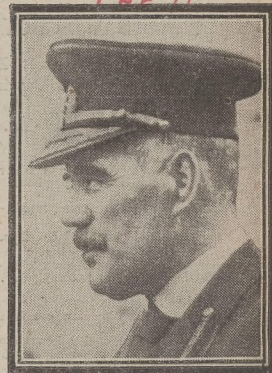
NEW CHIEF OF STAFF.



General Sir Henry Wilson.—(Exclusive to *The Daily Mirror*.)



Studio portrait of Sir William.



A snapshot of the ex-Chief.

"The Government have with much regret accepted his (General Sir William Robertson's) resignation."—Extract from an official statement issued on Saturday night. "I have not resigned, and the statement that I have done so is incorrect."—Sir William Robertson yesterday. Lieutenant-General Sir Henry Wilson becomes Chief of the Imperial General Staff.

GOtha DOWNED IN SEA—RAID—SIR WILLIAM ROBERTSON'S POSITION

Air Attacks on London and Dover.

ONE RAIDER IN CAPITAL.

Bomb Buries Invalid Officer, Wife and Two Children.

FROM VISCOUNT FRENCH.

Sunday, 10.45 a.m.—About half a dozen enemy aeroplanes made the mouth of the Thames about 9.45 last night and carried out an attack against London.

All were turned back save one machine, which penetrated into the capital along the line of the river and dropped a single bomb in the south-west district about 10 p.m.

This bomb demolished a house and buried an invalid officer, his wife and two children.

Several other bombs were dropped by the raider in the eastern outskirts on its way in, but no serious casualties or damage are reported.

An attack which was delivered against Dover about 10.45 p.m. was driven off, some bombs being dropped in open country.

Several of our pilots engaged the enemy. One of them fought an action over the Kent coast, and shortly afterwards a large enemy machine was seen from the shore to crash into the sea.

Police reports of casualties and damage have not yet been received, but are apparently light.

GERMAN OFFICIAL.

Sunday.—Our airmen last night attacked with bombs London and Dover.

INCIDENTS OF THE RAID.

Over an hour's constant cannonade was experienced around the Thames estuary on Saturday night while the raiders endeavoured to approach the Metropolis.

An exciting episode was a prolonged struggle in the south-eastern direction, in which a Gotha vainly attempted to break through the fiery barrier set up by the guns.

The pilot circled in vain to elude the gunners, who held him until the moonlight waned, when he finally passed eastward.

The solitary bomb which was dropped on London hit an old and substantially-built house in the grounds of a charitable institution. The house was demolished and an adjoining one-story house partially wrecked.

A woman who was playing patience in a flat had one of the cards blown out of her hand into the woodwork of the door, where it lodged.

A quantity of glass fell upon a baby who was sleeping in a cradle. The child was uninjured.

TRAGEDY OF HIS TWO EYES

Soldier Loses Sight of One in War and Other in Accident.

An accident of a particularly painful and distressing character has befallen an R.E. private named Charles Edwards, of Blackwood.

Edwards lost the sight of one eye in the war, and while spending a furlough at home lost his way in the darkness.

He walked into some iron railings in the darkness. One of the spikes entered his remaining eye and destroyed the sight.

U-BOAT BOMBARDS DOVER.

Driven Off by Shore Guns in Four Minutes—30 Shells, 8 Victims.

FROM LORD FRENCH.

Saturday.—Fire was opened upon Dover by an enemy submarine about 12.10 this morning, and continued for three or four minutes.

The shore batteries replied, and the enemy ceased fire, after discharging about thirty shells.

The following casualties are reported:—

Killed—1 child.

Injured—3 men, 1 woman, 3 children.

Slight damage was caused to house property.

Dover correspondents dwell on the fact that the shore batteries made a hot reply to the attack.

Several shells fell in the town. One dropped through the roof of a house, where four children and a man were hurt.

The children were removed to hospital, where a girl of fifteen died. A boy of thirteen had to have his leg amputated.

382 DAYS TO DEMOBILISE ARMY.

"I understand the War Office view is that it will take a year and seventeen days to demobilise the Army, but when their time is over there will be no holding men," said Mr. Runciman, addressing discharged soldiers and sailors at Birmingham yesterday.

LORD NORTHCLEFFE

Appointed Director of Propaganda in Enemy Countries.

NEW IMPORTANT POSITION.

Viscount Northcliffe has consented to accept the position of Director of Propaganda in enemy countries.

In an interview yesterday Viscount Northcliffe stated that he had agreed to use his intimate knowledge of the enemy countries to direct the section of propaganda which has been carried on for the dissemination of full and accurate statements of important speeches, statements of war aims and other matters, among the peoples of the Central Powers and their Allies.

The nature of the propaganda will be decided by a representative committee, and he hoped and believed that it would be the means of appreciably shortening the duration of the war.

He further stated that he would continue to direct the activities of the London headquarters of the British War Mission to the United States.

"DIED NOT IN VAIN."

Mr. Balfour's Eloquent Tribute to Fallen Fighters.

Mr. Arthur Balfour yesterday afternoon unveiled a memorial at Hillingdon Church to the men from Uxbridge and neighbourhood who have fallen in the war. The names on the memorial include those of the late Hon. C. T. Mills, M.P., and Viscount Wendover.

Mr. Balfour assisted in the service by reading the Lesson from Ecclesiastics: "Let us now praise famous men."

After unveiling the memorial Mr. Balfour said: "These men died for a great cause. Every month which has passed since that fateful August, 1914, has brought home to me with increasing force, if possible, a growing conviction that upon the issue of this contest depends for generations to come the whole fate not only of this country, but the whole fate of the higher civilisation and the higher morality."

"These men made the great sacrifice, and it is for us to see that their deaths have not been in vain."

GOVERNMENT KIOSKS.

Novel Scheme to Help Public to Obtain Useful Knowledge.

A number of Government Information Bureaux will be opened in London to-day for the purpose of giving the public facilities for obtaining printed information issued by the War Aims Committee, the Ministry of National Service, the Ministry of Food and other Government departments.

New pamphlets and posters will continually be supplied to the kiosks as they are issued.

Among those who have offered to officiate at the kiosks are Lady Stanley, wife of the President of the Board of Trade; Lady Rhonda, wife of the Minister of Food; Lady Hewart, wife of the Solicitor-General; Mrs. Hodge, wife of the Minister of Pensions; Lady Parker, wife of Sir Gilbert Parker, Bart., M.P., and Mrs. H. Simon.

COLONEL REPINGTON.

Counsel Tells Magistrate He Accepts Full Responsibility.

The proceedings against Colonel Repington and Mr. Evelyn Arthur Gwynne, the editor of the *Morning Post*, who were summoned for "publishing information in respect of the disposition of the military forces on the western front in France, contrary to Regulation 18 of the Defence of the Realm Regulations," were opened at Bow-street on Saturday and adjourned until Thursday.

When evidence was given to the effect that Mr. Gwynne told a Scotland Yard inspector that he charged parts of Colonel Repington's article and accepted full responsibility for it, Mr. Tindal Atkinson, for the defence, rose and said:

"Colonel Repington does not intend to take advantage of this conversation. He takes responsibility not only for what he wrote originally, but for what appeared in the *Morning Post*."

GUNNER WHO HAD TO BE RESCUED.

Two instances of remarkable escapes in the action between the Zebrugge Botilla and trawlers of the Dover patrol are reported.

In one case the gunner of a trawler was the last man to stick to his vessel, and was rescued from his gun platform, when the decks of the ship wash, about an hour after the close of the action.

In another case a man from a trawler which had been sunk, was picked up by another trawler, which, in its turn, was sunk by the enemy.

He was floating on a piece of wreckage in the icy cold water for an hour and a half before he was rescued. Both of these men are making a good recovery.

MORE ALLOTMENTS.

Sir Arthur Lee's Appeal Owing to Grave Food Situation.

MEAT RATIONS FOR ALL.

"The food situation is now graver than it was last year."

This serious statement is made in a circular letter by Sir Arthur Lee, Director of Food Production.

"The essential thing to be borne in mind is that, in order to meet the food situation, redoubled efforts on the part of small cultivators must be made and made forthwith."

Sir Arthur appeals for the cultivation of further allotments.

Lord Rhonda has decided to abstain from rationing on the lines of the scheme about to be brought into force in London and the Home Counties shall be applied generally throughout Great Britain by March 25.

London and the Home Counties the scheme will come into operation on February 25.

Tea at 2s. 6d. per lb.—The *Daily Mirror* learns that the maximum price for the tea bought on Government account in India and Ceylon may be fixed at 2s. 6d. per lb., and not 2s. 8d., as previously announced.

Reorganising Smithfield.—Between now and next Saturday (the Press Association learns) radical changes will be seen at Smithfield Market. Although the Ministry of Food is not about to take over the distribution, a hint has been conveyed that business will be materially simplified if the number of firms to be dealt with is reduced to a minimum.

Accordingly a big "merger" arrangement is in the course of formation. At least twenty firms so far are concerned in the scheme, which practically, though unofficially, will be under Government aegis.

BALCONY BREAKFASTS.

Health-Seeking City Dwellers Who Live Out of Doors.

The city balcony, so long neglected and despised, is becoming a health cult. In Mayfair one can see breakfast parties being held unabashed on first-floor balconies. In the suburbs they are used as open-air luncheon places, and at night, enclosed with canvas, they make out-of-doors bedrooms.

"City dwellers are learning to live out of doors," a medical man said to the *Daily Mirror*. "In my district I have for years been trying to persuade people to live as much as possible on their balconies, in the gardens and even on the roof."

RED CROSS ANXIETY.

A Financial Deficit on the Year and Subscriptions Falling Off.

For the first time since the war began the income of the Red Cross Society and the Order of St. John shows a deficit compared with expenditure.

While the receipts last year amounted to £2,474,553, the expenses exceeded that figure by £197,792.

The finance committee state that they are experiencing considerable anxiety as to the sufficiency of funds to carry on the work.

Although over £2,000,000 were raised on "Our Day," 1917, the normal daily subscriptions have greatly decreased.

LICENCES FOR SHOPS.

New Order That Is Designed to Protect "One Man" Businesses.

The Ministry of National Service announces an order under the Defence of the Realm Regulations which comes into force to-day.

The effect is that no new retail trade or business, or new branch of any existing retail trade or business, may be established unless a licence has been obtained from the Minister of National Service.

The expression "new" means established after the date of the order, and "new branch" means opening at premises not previously used by the retailer for such purpose, setting up a line or department not previously carried on by the retailer.

COMMONS AND GENERAL SMUTS.

Among the questions to be asked in the House of Commons to-day is the following:

Whether General Smuts had authority from the War Cabinet to enter into negotiations in Switzerland with any representative of the Austrian Government; and, if so, whether any statement can be made as to the result.

Official Announcement of General's Resignation.

HE SAYS HE HASN'T.

Sir H. Wilson the New Chief of Imperial Staff.

OFFICIAL.

PRESS BUREAU, Saturday.—The extension of the functions of the permanent military representative decided on by the Supreme War Council at their last meeting at Versailles has necessitated a limitation of the special powers hitherto exercised by the Chief of the Imperial General Staff by virtue of the Order in Council of January 27, 1916.

In these circumstances the Government thought it right to offer to General Sir William Robertson the choice of becoming British Military Representative on the Supreme War Council at Versailles or of continuing as Chief of the Imperial General Staff under the new conditions.

Sir William Robertson, for reasons which will be explained in a statement which will be made by the Prime Minister in the House of Commons as early as possible during the coming week, did not desire to accept either position, and the Government have with much regret accepted his resignation.

General Sir Henry Wilson has accepted the position of Chief of the Imperial General Staff. The appointment of the British Permanent Representative at Versailles will be announced.

"I HAVE NOT RESIGNED."

In an interview with the Press Association Sir William Robertson contradicted the announcement contained in a Press Bureau message that he had resigned. "I have not resigned," he declared, "and the statement that I have done so is incorrect."

Sir William said he did not desire to make any further statement at the present moment.

The Premier had a prolonged audience of the King at Buckingham Palace on Saturday. Our lobby correspondent states:—"The contradictory reports current yesterday regarding the position of Sir William Robertson, the Chief of the Imperial General Staff, were brought to the notice of the Government in the House of Commons to-day, when an important statement may be made by the Prime Minister."

An equally important statement as to other generals is also expected.

A question to be asked to-day is:—Whether the Prime Minister is able to state specifically whether or not Sir Douglas Haig and Sir William Robertson, both or either of them, approved of the recent decisions of the Versailles Council.

A GREAT SOLDIER.

Lieutenant-General Sir Henry Hughes Wilson, the new Chief of the Imperial General Staff, is a soldier with a brilliant military career.

Like many other great soldiers, Sir Henry is an Irishman. He was born at Currygrain, Edgeworthstown, fifty-three years ago.

His first campaign was in the Burmese War of 1885-87. After 1894 he served with the Intelligence Division as a staff captain for three years. He was then appointed as Brigade-Major to the 2nd Brigade at Aldershot.

He went to South Africa as Brigade-Major with the Light Brigade.

From 1902 to 1905 he was at Army Headquarters in command of the 9th Provisional Battalion. His rise afterwards was rapid, and in 1907 he became Commandant of the Staff College at Camberley. It was here he received the C.B.

It is a remarkable fact that for the past twenty-five years Sir Henry Wilson has spent all his leisure time in studying the ground upon which now the great decisive battles of the western front are to be decided.

PARIS, Sunday.—M. Marcel Huin, in the *Echo de Paris*:—"The appointment of Lieutenant-General Sir Henry Wilson as Chief of the Imperial General Staff in place of General Sir William Robertson, who has resigned, is a fact of very great importance."

NEWS ITEMS.

Mount Etna Active.—Mount Etna is emitting clouds of sulphurous suffocating fumes.

Railway Smash in Spain.—A collision between two trains has occurred on the Barcelona line, states an Exchange message. Fifteen persons were killed and thirty injured.

More Work for Sir W. Weir.—Sir William Weir has been appointed a member of the Munitions Council, in charge of aircraft production, still retaining his position on the Air Council.

At the National Sporting Club to-night Jerry Shea and Gus Platts met over fifteen rounds. In the afternoon at the Ring the ex-champion Dan Donohue, Stanley Abernethy, Tommy Noble twenty rounds. At Hexton Jack O'Neill beat Herman Brown in ten rounds. At the Ring on Saturday night Jack Goldwin beat Billy Fullerton, who was disqualified in the twelfth round.

RUSSIAN ARMISTICE ENDS GERMANY ON 'FREE HAND'

Vienna Story of Rumania's Alleged Intention to Enter In a Peace Parley.

DUNKIRK AND FIGHTING FORCES BOMBED.

Huns' Raid Claims—British Hit Dump and Start Fire—Our Big Guns Busy in Italy.

Germany and Russia.—Berlin announces officially that the armistice with Russia expires at noon to-day, and Germany reserves "a free hand in every direction." A Stuttgart newspaper says the German General Staff anticipates the occupation of Reval and Petrograd.

Rumania and Peace.—A Vienna story asserts that Rumania intends to enter into negotiations with the Central Powers. The *Matin* says the armistice with Rumania will continue until February 22.

Dunkirk Bombed.—The Germans state that in their air attack on Saturday night they bombed Dunkirk and "the fighting forces of the north coast of France."

'AIR ATTACK ON FIGHTING FORCES OF FRENCH COAST.'

Germans Also Claim Bombing Dunkirk on Saturday Night.

GERMAN OFFICIAL.

Sunday.—Our aimen on Saturday night attacked with bombs Dunkirk as well as the fighting forces of the north coast of France.—Admiralty per Wireless Press.



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BRITISH HEAVY ARTILLERY ACTIVE IN ITALY.

Very Successful Counter Battery Shoots—Patrol Scares Foe.

ITALIAN OFFICIAL.

Sunday.—Lively artillery actions took place to the west of Lake Garda, to the east of the Brenta and on the Middle Piave. Our batteries carried out effective concentrations of fire on enemy movements east of Val Frenzella and on the back-slopes of Col della Berretta.

Very successful counter-battery shoots were effected by the British heavy artillery opposite the Montello and south of Canove (Asiago). Hostile reconnaissances were repulsed by rifle fire. One of our patrols caused great alarm in the enemy's lines at the Grava di Papadopoli (Piave).—Admiralty per Wireless Press.

"TO FOMENT DISCORD."

Rome, Saturday (received yesterday).—Speaking in the Chamber to-day, Baron Sonnino denounced as absolutely false the alleged 15th Article of the Pact of London, published by the Bolshevik organs and reproduced in an English publication.

He added, desired to respect the law of guarantees and the feelings of all Catholics. The object of the Bolsheviks in publishing a falsified Pact of London was to foment discord and mistrust among the States of the Entente.—Central News.

Rome, Saturday (received yesterday).—The *Osservatore Romano*, commenting on Article 15 of the Pact of London, excluding Papal representatives from the Peace Conference, says it is of enormous gravity.—Exchange.

U-BOAT LOSSES.

Paris, Saturday.—The *Matin* publishes a diagram to-day showing the effects of the submarine warfare.

The conclusions arrived at establish the fact that the Allies are now sinking as many submarines as are being turned out from the enemy's yards.—Central News.

BRITISH PATROLS STILL BRINGING IN PRISONERS.

French Report Artillery Activity Near Rheims and in Champagne.

BRITISH OFFICIAL.

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS IN FRANCE, Sunday, 9.43 A.M.—A few prisoners were brought in by our patrols during the night north-east of Hargicourt.

Except for some hostile artillery activity in the neighbourhood of Paschendaels, there is nothing further of special interest to report.

GERMAN OFFICIAL.

Sunday (Prince Rupprecht's Front).—In Flanders and in the Artois there was a marked increase in the artillery duels. As a result of small infantry engagements near Cheroy and south of Maroing prisoners were brought in.—Admiralty per Wireless Press.

FRENCH OFFICIAL.

The night was marked by somewhat great artillery activity by both sides in the region of Clavignon, east of Rheims, and in Champagne. An enemy coup de main east of Auberville was unsuccessful. The night was calm on the rest of the front.

GERMAN OFFICIAL.

Sunday (Crown Prince's and Duke Albrecht's Front).—Near Tabure and Ripont, on the eastern bank of the Meuse and the Soudgau there was at times increased activity.—Admiralty per Wireless Press.

ZUYDWEGE DUMP RAIDED BY NAVAL AIRMEN.

Many Bombs Dropped and Fires Started in Middle of Objective.

ADMIRALTY OFFICIAL.

On February 16 a bombing raid was carried out by naval aircraft on Zuydwege Dump. Many bombs were dropped, and a fire was observed to start in the middle of the objective. All our machines returned safely.

"NOT DIED IN VAIN."

Mr. A. J. Balfour, unveiling a war shrine in the churchyard of the parish church of Hillingdon, Middlesex, yesterday, said these men died for a great cause, and every month that passed since that fateful August in 1914 had brought home to him with ever-increasing force of conviction that upon the issues of this great contest depended for generations to come the whole fate not of this or that country, but the fate of the higher civilisation and the higher morality.

It was for that the gift of these men had been made, and he hoped that it would not be made in vain.

SWEDEN AND AALAND.

COPENHAGEN, Sunday.—The special Stockholm correspondent of the *Nationale Tidende* states that a wireless message has been officially received from Commander Akerman, in charge of the Swedish Relief Expedition to the Aaland Islands announcing that the Russian soldiers on the islands have surrendered, and are being transported to Stockholm.

The Swedish Government last night sent a new relief expedition to Finland, accompanied by warships, with sealed orders. It is understood that the expedition has been instructed to take drastic action if necessary.—Central News.



The German official states that the armistice on the Great Russian front expires at noon to-day.

RUMANIA TO CONCLUDE PEACE BY AGREEMENT?

Vienna Story of Alleged Programme of the Averescu Cabinet.

"TRUCE EXTENDED."

AMSTERDAM, Saturday (received Sunday).—The *Handelsblad* learns from Vienna that the Rumanian Government intends to enter into negotiations with the Central Powers, provided the latter give a previous assurance that they will not assail the Sovereignty of Rumania, and leave the solution of the dynastic question to the Rumanians themselves.

Rumania, it is declared, will then declare her readiness to cede the Dobruja to Bulgaria, provided the Central Powers grant Rumania their benevolent support in the Bessarabian question.

The Averescu Cabinet has not yet been formed, but it is stated, the *Handelsblad* adds, that the first point in its programme is peace by agreement with the Central Powers.—Reuter.

PARIS, Sunday.—The special correspondent of the *Matin* in Zurich says that the armistice with Rumania will continue till February 22, the German Government having agreed to prolong it to this date to enable Rumania to reply to the ultimatum of the Central Empires.

The Rumanian delegates have started for Jassy, where they are to make to their Government a statement of their negotiations with the Central Empires.—Exchange.

D'ANNUNZIO'S CHALLENGE

PARIS, Sunday.—The Turin correspondent of the *Matin* says the Austrians have put a price on the head of the poet D'Annunzio.

The latter has just mocked his adversaries by an audacious challenge. On Tuesday last three automobile boats armed with torpedoes forced their way into the narrow entrance of Buccari, near Fiume, and sank a large packet boat.

The motor-boats stayed eight hours in the entrance to effect repairs, deciding the enemy by their very boldness: the sentinels never dreamed that these boats, navigating the waters only fifty yards from the coast, could be other than Austrian craft. At the instigation of D'Annunzio, who organised the raid, left a note in some sealed bottles which mocked the terms of the Austrian Fleet's manifesto, and chafed his enemies over the price put on his own head.—Exchange.

"A JUST PEACE."

PARIS, Sunday.—At this morning's meeting of the National Council of the Socialist Party, speeches were delivered by the English delegates, who declared that the British Socialists had made great sacrifices and were prepared for still greater. They wanted peace, but a just peace—not peace at any price.—Central News.

GERMAN BOMB PLOT.

Great excitement has been caused in Switzerland by the discovery of several cases in a cellar in Zurich, containing 300 bombs, 250 revolvers, 100 hand grenades, a quantity of ammunition and last, but not least, 1,000,000 printed manifestos.

The Swiss newspapers report that the cases were found on the premises of a certain Gino Andrei, who has been in prison in Bern for some months for spying.

RUSSIAN ARMISTICE EXPIRES TO-DAY.

Germany to Resume War on the Bolsheviks.

KAISER'S DECISION.

GERMAN OFFICIAL.

Sunday.—Great Russian Front.—The armistice expires at noon on February 18.—Admiralty per Wireless Press.

According to a Berlin telegram (says a Reuter's message from Amsterdam) the Imperial Government states, in an official communication, that the Petrograd Government by its conduct has in fact denounced the armistice and that this denunciation is to be regarded as having occurred on February 10. "Conformably therewith," the communication proceeds, "the German Government must, after the lapse of seven days' notice of termination, provided for under the treaty, reserve a free hand in every direction."

"BY ORDER OF THE KAISER."

PARIS, Sunday.—A telegram from Zurich states that, according to the *Berliner Tageblatt* and the *New Journal*, Stuttgart, it is announced this morning (Saturday) in formal terms: "The resumption of hostilities against Northern Russia was decided upon at the most recent conference at General Headquarters under the personal presidency of the Kaiser."—Exchange.

PARIS, Sunday.—A dispatch from Zurich states that the *Berliner Tageblatt* and the *New Journal*, of Stuttgart, both of which papers are in the possession of the Kaiser, have announced that they publish a similar statement to the effect that it is Germany's bounden duty to protect the unfortunate inhabitants of Finland, Lithuania, Northern Livonia and Estonia against the excesses of the Maximilians.

On the other hand, a long telegram from Berlin to the *New Journal* states that the Germans are about to terminate the occupation of Northern Lithuania and to occupy militarily the whole of Courland, Livonia, Estonia and Finland, so that the Kaiser may be in a position very shortly to proclaim the administrative annexation of all these rich territories.

It is further confirmed that the German General Staff anticipates, according to plan, the occupation of Reval and Petrograd.—Exchange.

3,000 KILLED IN BATTLE.

PETROGRAD, Saturday (received yesterday).—It is reported that General Alexieff's army took the offensive and won a battle in the vicinity of Noronoh. The town is surrounded by Cossacks and will be taken shortly.

The battle resulted in casualties to the extent of 3,000 killed and wounded on both sides.

Street fighting is reported in Kiev. The White Guards (according to news issued by the Smolny Institute) have dislodged the Red Guards from the Arsenal at Kiev and killed over 1,500 workmen. The Kiev Revolutionary Committee were shot on March 10.

The Soviet deputy forces, composed of Ukrainian Bolshevik regiments, are now attacking the White Guards, who have evacuated themselves in the Peshkhor constituency.

Reports from Siberia state that the Siberian Government demand that the Soviet deputy forces shall evacuate the Government districts. Krasnoyarsk is threatened by Cossacks.—Exchange.

Plot Against Lenin.—A Reuter's message from Petrograd (received yesterday) states that, an officers' conspiracy has been discovered the purpose of which was to capture Lenin and hold him as a hostage. The plot was organized by the conspirators arms, live bombs and hand grenades were found.

Hooliganism in Petrograd.—According to another Reuter's message shooting and pillaging take place daily in the streets of Petrograd.

WOLVES ON VESUVIUS.

Rome, Saturday Night.—A pack of wolves made its appearance on Mount Vesuvius, attacking the keeper of the observatory, who had a narrow escape.

The wolves killed thirteen sheep and a donkey. A batta was quickly organised for the destruction of the marauders.—Exchange.

THE PRINCE AT CARDIFF.

The arrangements for the visit of the Prince of Wales to Cardiff this week are now being made, and in connection with them the Lord Mayor of Cardiff paid a visit to Buckingham Palace on Saturday.

Although the visit is unofficial, there is no suggestion that it is to be a strictly private one. On the contrary, there will probably be an official reception at Cardiff, and the Prince is likely to carry out at least one public engagement.

A DOG'S LIFE AT PASSCHENDAELE



They wish they knew of a better hole. The Canadians who are holding the line at Passchendaele have no trenches, but just mud-holes. Some are dry, but on the other hand some are not.—(Canadian War Records.)

WITH HIS MASTER.



A French Red Cross dog on board a hospital-ship. With his wounded master. The two are inseparable, and the dog would not leave him.

GERMAN PRISON



Making himself useful.

These Huns are helping to defeat their own U. the ribbon of the Iron Cross, but h

HIS HOME IN THE MUD.



He returns to his home in the mud to find that a Boche shell has disarranged it badly. But he is glad he was not there.—(Canadian War Records.)



FOR HER SERVICES.—Mrs. Ernest Norton, the matron at Scarborough Hospital, who has been mentioned.



A WAR WORKER.—Miss Doris Kennard, daughter of Mr. Rowland S. A. Kennard, who is doing canteen work in London.



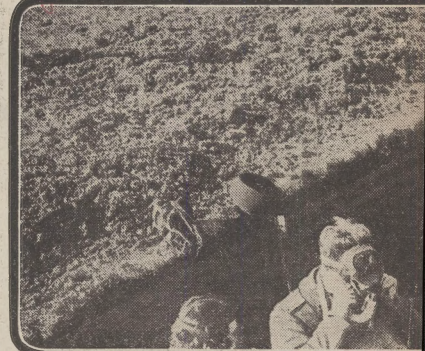
NURSING CHIEF.—Miss Grace Ellison, who has been Director-General of the French Flag Nursing Corps for three years.

THE TWO WILLIES—HOW THEY APPEAR TO-DAY.



The latest photograph to be taken of the Kaiser and the Crown Prince on the western front. The War Lord has been more than usually boastful of late and in his last speech he said that his brave troops under "our great Hindenburg" would win peace soon.

SERBIAN COLONELS VIS



Adjusting their masks before entering a trench full of British Army to meet the expected



MILITARY CROSS.—Lieut. (Act-Capt.) Kenneth Herbert Saunders, Durham L.I., who has been awarded the M.C.



M.A. AND M.C.—Lieut. W. R. Blair, A. and S.H., awarded the M.C. He is an M.A. and LL.B. of Edinburgh University.



ELTHAM MURDER.—David Greenwood, a discharged soldier, who is charged with the murder of Nellie Trew. In circle, Chief Inspector Carlin, in charge of the case.

ON THE LAND



A skilled ploughman.
working on farms. One of them wears
the ploughshare to the sword:

WAAC'S WEDDING.



Private H. McKenzie (Australian Force) married
Miss B. M. Trembeth, a Waac, at Amesbury.
There was a W.A.A.C. guard of honour.

THE 'DORA' CHARGE AT BOW ST.



Lieutenant-Colonel Repington, the military correspondent, leaving Bow-street on
Saturday. On the left in foreground is his wife, and on the right Mrs. Gwynne.
Behind her is her husband, Mr. H. A. Gwynne, editor of the *Morning Post*.

E WESTERN FRONT.



tour enabled them to see how fully prepared is the
night.—(Official photograph.)



NO A BREAK.—Miss Eva Collins, a woman billiards
ssional, and Mr. Frank Smith played a match at
Clapham to provide comforts for mine-sweepers.



FRENCH BRIDE-TO-BE.
—Mlle. Christianne Fran-
cois-Wachter, of Paris, to
marry Lieut. S. C. R.
Isitt, Yeomanry.



PEER'S HEIR TO WED.
—Mr. Richard H. Vernon
(Dorsets), heir-presumptive
to Lord Vernon, to marry
Miss Frances Anson.



HER OWN GARDENER.
—Mrs. John Kirkwood,
wife of Capt. J. Kirkwood,
who is cultivating her
Devonshire garden.

PIONEER AIRMAN WEDS—SISTER AS CHAUFFEUR.



Wing Commander F. K. McClean, R.N.A.S., was married in London on
Saturday to Miss Wale. Outside the church, Miss McClean, who flew up
the Nile with her brother, borrowed the chauffeur's coat and drove the bridal
couple, who are seen in the circle.

JOURNEY OVER THE SNOWS.



A little Russian girl on her way to visit a British
warship which was ice-bound in a far northern
port. She travelled on skis.



AWARDED D.C.M.—Air
Mec. J. H. Holdershaw,
R.F.C., of Woking, showed
great courage as a wire-
less operator.



RESCUED WOUNDED.
—Lce.-Cpl. E. Seng,
awarded the M.M. for res-
cuing wounded. He is
training for a commission.

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THE CAUSE FIRST.

THE week-end seems generally to be reserved, by Providence or politicians, for a crisis; and this week-end has not been an exception: The air has been full (in every sense) of rumours.

The public does not know the facts, and therefore cannot be expected to judge the significance of the "alleged" appointments, resignations, counter-resignations and denials of resignations, circulated and freely debated yesterday. It waits—we all wait—for the forthcoming definite announcement in the House of Commons; and that, it is profoundly to be hoped, will at last define the position.

We want the facts, so far as military caution will permit us to have them. We need to quieten the growing agitation of uncertainty, hitherto used by some men for their own purposes; and principally for the purpose of diminishing the authority of Government, by reviving and reinforcing the old false opposition between soldiers—always reckoned, in spite of results, as infallible—and civilians always supposed to be "interfering" with these infallibles. We believe the public is utterly sick of this imaginary opposition.

They see that men with no very clear or convincing record for efficiency or for "getting on with the war" use the great names of infallible soldiers as sticks to beat the Government with. We have the paradox of the pacifist ardently supporting the Generals. We have the never-ending military correspondents—loudly encouraged by the stop-the-war—immediately enthusiastic.

This is very odd, at first sight.

On second thoughts, there is method in the madness. But the public are profoundly puzzled. They do not realise that this strange amalgamation of forces results from that one desire in the minds of all discontented factions—down with the Government on any pretext. Tell Ministers they are not winning the war. Then, when they take such measures as are calculated to win it, tell them they are attacking the soldiers. Tell them to make peace. Tell them to leave it to the military. Tell them anything to hamper and harass them. Use patriotism. Use pacifism. Use any weapon you can lay your hands on.

So it has been during the last few weeks.

We venture to point out that publicity is the only remedy. Nobody cares a scrap about personalities any more. Our cause has survived the ministrations of several great persons, formerly judged indispensable. But still many no doubt sincere critics constantly suppose that a name—this name or that is everything: The cause to them is the name of some great hero of their fabrication. But with a cause like ours "there is no necessary man"; the names are all less than the cause, however great the claim of some men on our gratitude.

Let us fix then upon the cause alone—how to bring the war to a swift, a just, and a permanent settlement. If we do that, we shall not need to quarrel over personalities; especially before we know the facts about them.

W. M.

IN MY GARDEN.

FEB. 17.—Mustard and cress may be easily grown at this season in a warm frame, room or greenhouse. Place some sandy soil in a box and press it smooth. Then give a good watering and scatter the seeds thickly over the surface.

Do not cover the seeds with soil. Next place some brown paper over the box and a sheet of glass. When growth starts expose the plants to the light. Sow the cress twenty-four hours before the mustard and give water when needed.

E. F. T.

A THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY.

"Not where others fail, or do or leave undone—the wise should notice only what himself has done or left undone.—Buddhist maxim from the "Dhammapadam."



New picture of Mrs. Claude Champion de Crespigny, before her marriage Miss Vere Sykes.



Miss Nellie Briarcliffe, a new "discovery," joins the cast at the Palace to-night.

THE WEEK-END RAID.

German Flag Hoisted in England—Trouble in the Welsh Parliamentary Party.

IF THE GERMANS' idea of raiding London by air is to shake our morale, as we are told it is, I am afraid that they will be dreadfully disappointed. Saturday's efforts did not shake anybody's morale so that you could notice it. I happened to be looking at a new revue and the general idea in the audience

TO-DAY'S GOSSIP

News and Views About Men, Women, and Affairs in General

Busy Controller.—Lord Rhondda, who has given a flat denial to the suggestion that he will resign, is, in fact, more closely engaged with food problems than ever. Lady Rhondda complains that as her husband is now "working three shifts," she sees very little of him. I am told the Food Controller—always an early-riser—begins work about eight

The Welsh Revolt.—In political circles one of the most prominent topics, I find, is the attempt of Major David Davies to remake the Welsh Parliamentary Party. His policy will be fought tooth and nail by certain Welsh M.P.s, among them Mr. Llewelyn Williams, the Recorder of Cardiff.

A Fateful Meeting.—If Major Davies carries the day at the party meeting at the House this week, it will mean a young revolution in Welsh politics. If not, I anticipate that his nominees will challenge at the next

Hoch der Kaiser!—I hear curious reports from a certain district of England, where there is a camp for German prisoners of war. If I am not misinformed, the German "Schwarz-weiss-rot" was hoisted over the camp on the Kaiser's birthday. The men who guard our reluctant guests were heard to make a few remarks about it. So were the inhabitants of the district.

Early to Rise.—A well-known painter tells me that when he arranged with Lord Leverhulme for some sittings for his portrait he got the shock of his life. He was asked to start work at seven in the morning. He found Lord Leverhulme had breakfasted soon after six.

New Club.—I hear of a new society called the Plough, whose object—to quote the prospectus—is "to present dramatic, musical and literary work of merit and originality." Well, if this not-too-modest programme can be carried out, I am all for it. Merit and originality are useful things in connection with the arts indicated.

The Supporters.—Mr. Jacob Epstein, Mr. Ambrose McEvoy and Mr. John Drinkwater are among those interested, and if their efforts can discover works of "merit and originality," more power to their respective elbows!

A New Kipling Poem.—Mr. Kipling has done so little writing during the war—always taking into consideration his wonderful sea stories—that a new poem by him is quite an event. The Irish Guards are therefore all the more pleased that he has written some verses, which Mr. Henry Ainley will recite at the forthcoming matinee at the Empire in aid of the regiment's charitable fund.

The Broadway Bings.—It was a wholly delightful experience to welcome the "Bing Boys" again at the Alhambra on Saturday night. The Bing Boys are now on Broadway and the American episodes in their career are quite as amusing as the familiar ones which happened in England.

A Great Success.—The music is bright and the costumes and scenery charming. Miss Violet Loraine scored a success as Emma. She sings, dances and acts with perpetual inspiration. As for Mr. George Robey, he has never been more restrained in his methods and never more successful. The revue received a great reception.

His Pearls.—Mr. Mark Hambourg has a hobby few can hope to imitate. For years, he tells me, he has collected pearls, but latterly owing to their great rise in value he has sold many and invested in War Loan.

Have You a Strad or Two?—War has had some surprising results in enhancing the value of certain things. For instance, a dealer in musical instruments tells me there has never been such a keen demand for old violins as at present.

A Wedding.—I am told that Captain Henry Dudley Ryder, R.F.A., son of the Hon. Edward and Lady Maud Ryder, and so connected with Lord Lichfield and Lord Harrowby, is to be married on Thursday next to Miss Dorothy Streetfield.

Disappointed Brides-Elect.—The Canadian Government's restrictions on the granting of passports to women to cross to England are tighter than ever. Several ladies in Canada have recently advanced the plea that they wish to journey here to marry Canadian officers, but their applications have been "turned down."

Girl Carpenters' Dance.—In celebration of the first anniversary of their arrival overseas, I hear, the girl carpenters who are building huts for our troops in France had a jolly dance at their "colony."

Women War Workers.—To-day, according to the arrangements I hear about, the "Elsie Inglis" unit of the Scottish Women's Hospital organisation will be inspected at Buckingham Palace. The commanding officer is Dr. Annette Benson.

An Engagement.—I hear that Miss Claire Romaine has been engaged by Mr. Alfred Butt for revue. I hope now we shall soon see her in the West End again.

THE RAMBLER.

THE PRE-WAR BUTCHER AND THE NEW TYPE.



He used to be a careless, light-hearted fellow. Now, what with scientific weights, rationing, and the rest, he ought at least to be a worried scientist, with spectacles and an accurate mind!—(By W. K. Haselden.)

seemed to be "Bother the Germans! What is George Robey going to sing now?"

The Guns.—I went home in a taxicab, my caddy being regardless of splinters, and I thought the firing seemed to be very desultory and distant. The absence of all excitement in the streets was marked.

The Prince in Wales.—The Prince of Wales is having a full and busy life since he came back from abroad. Very soon he goes to his Principality, and all loyal Welshmen are on the tip-toe of expectation.

Semi-Official.—The visit, I am officially told, is "unofficial," but "not strictly private." The Prince looks forward to at least one public engagement during his visit, though the proposed presentation of the Freedom of Cardiff is off for the present.

War Minister's Son.—I learn that Lord Derby's soldier son, Lord Stanley, has been appointed a brigade-major. He has been all through the war, and has been wounded.

election many of the seats now held by the "old gang."

John Bull "Treats."—Among the Supplementary Estimates for the current year I notice that £3,000 is set aside for "Government hospitality." With all the strangers within our gates to whom John Bull likes to be hospitable it is surprising that the amount is not more.

Underground Workers.—I also notice that the estimate for secret service this year is larger than ever before. John Bull has the best secret service in the world and pays comparatively little for it.

Cartooning.—I met Mr. Bert Thomas during the week-end. He is now out of khaki and engaged in producing war cartoons for the Government propaganda department.

Flowers Again.—I mentioned Sir Henry Tozer's perennial butterhole the other day. Another constant wearer of choice flowers I am frequently meeting is Sir Albert K. Rolli.

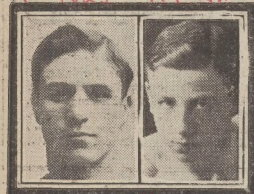
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PAT THE INVESTITURE.



Captain Argus McMillan, M.C., Seaforth Highlanders, and Captain McColl, M.C., Gord on Highlanders.

BOXING CONTEST.



Digger Stanley (seen in first photograph), and Pte. Tommy Noble, A.S.C., who are to meet in a twenty rounds boxing contest at the Ring.

A TENOR.



Mr. E. Dunkerton, tenor, who has celebrated his golden wedding.

THE QUEEN INSPECTS WOMEN AMBULANCE WORKERS



Her Majesty passing down the lines with Mrs. Charles Beatty, the commandant. The women looked very smart.



Mrs. Beatty salutes the Queen.



The contingent leaving Wellington Barracks after the inspection.

The Queen, who inspected a parade of the Women's Reserve Ambulance, organised by the Green Cross Society, said she considered the work of the corps very useful and eminently practical. Forty officers, fifty non-commissioned officers and 578 privates were on parade.

TUSCANIA SURVIVORS IN AN IRISH HOSPITAL.



American soldiers who were rescued from the sunken transport Tuscania, photographed at the Poyle Hill Hospital, Londonderry, where they are convalescents. They expect to return to duty before very long.

GENERAL ALLENBY



General Sir E. H. H. Allenby standing beside a captured German aeroplane, which was brought down by the British on the Palestine front.

A WET SHAMPOO IN FRANCE.



Getting rid of some of the mud on the western front. An old trench, full of water, serves as a basin. (Canadian War Records.)